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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Haruki OKAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/050,249

Filed: March 30, 1998

For: IFN-γ PRODUCTION INDUCING

PROTEIN AND MONOCLONAL

ANTIBODY...

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Washington, D.C.

April 5, 2001

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner-for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 6, 2000, petition and payment for a one month extension of time attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 93 with new rewritten claim 93 as follows below. A marked-up version of amended claim 93 to show the changes made is attached hereto.

93. A monoclonal antibody which specifically

recognizes (i) an interferon-gamma (IFN-γ) inducing protein

(ISTF, IL-18) having the following physiochemical properties or

(ii)10 at wariant thereof which has substantially the same

physicochemical properties as the protein of (i) and has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 wherein one or more amino acids are

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